GRANTING THE CONSENT OF CONGRESS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE STATES OF MISSISSIPPI AND ARKANSAS OF A BISTATE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF CON-STRUCTING A RAILROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

JUNE 14, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. Blatnik, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10679]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10679) granting the consent of Congress to the establishment by the States of Mississippi and Arkansas of a bi-state commission to investigate the possibilities of constructing a railroad bridge across the Mississippi River, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

H. R. 10679 gives the consent of Congress to the establishment by the States of Mississippi and Arkansas of a bi-state commission to investigate the possibility of constructing a railroad bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Greenville, Miss., and Lake Village, Ark.

An identical bill, H. R. 10771, is sponsored by Representative

Norrell, of Arkansas.

In view of the favorable report submitted by the Department of the Army on the bill, the committee can perceive of no objection to the establishment of a bi-State commission for the purpose stated. The report of the Secretary of the Army is as follows:

> DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, Washington, D. C., June 8, 1956.

Hon. CHARLES A. BUCKLEY,

Chairman, Committee on Public Works,

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of the Army with respect to H. R. 10679 and H. R. 10771, 84th Congress, 2d session, bills granting the consent of Congress to the establishment by the States of Mississippi and Arkansas of a bi-State commission to investigate the possibilities of constructing a railroad bridge across the Mississippi River.

The Department of the Army offers no objection to favorable consideration of the above-mentioned bills.

The bills would give the consent of Congress to the States to estab-

lish a bi-State commission for the purposes stated in the titles.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

WILBER M. BRUCKER, Secretary of the Army.